First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

December 11, 2022
10:00 am
Third Sunday of Advent

“Heartbeat of Justice”

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

HYBRID WORSHIP (in-person and on Zoom) Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Arr, Cindy Berry

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DONNA EYSTER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - Worship Leader is Donna Eyster.
  - Greeters are Patty Sherwood (Roomie), Ellie Gusman (Zoomie) and they will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Longing for Light", v.1, 2, 3 & Refrain

Bernadette Farrell

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **DONNA EYSTER**

Leader: Here we are together. We are not alone. We gather on this third Sunday in Advent with gratitude and overflowing generosity, blessed multiple times by our give-away God. We are witnesses to joy.
The warm glow of the Divine lightens our hearts.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY *(Candles of Hope & Peace [purple] and the candle of Joy [pink])*

ALL: **God-who-lights-up-life give us joyful, generous, and courageous hearts. As we lean on your love, may your joy well up in us so that our joy may overflow and flourish, witnessing to a life of constant gratitude, full of grace, and goodness.**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting)"
121 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 35:1-10** **DONNA EYSTER**
James 5:7-10

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise"
106 NCH

SECOND READING **Matthew 11:2-11** **PASTOR LIZ**

SPECIAL MUSIC **"PREPARE YE"** **ANNE MARIE NICOLL-TURNER**
Marc A. Robinson **SOLOIST**

Refrain- ***Sung by congregation***

Hear the voice crying in the wilderness? Can you hear the crying?
Hear the voice crying in the wilderness? Can you hear the crying?
Prepare ye, Prepare ye, Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Prepare ye, Prepare ye, Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

MORNING MESSAGE **"Heartbeat of Justice"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

God, we confess we have often placed our hope in
people and things that can't fulfill our every need.
We have searched for peace in shallow places.
We have mistaken joy for temporal pleasure and artificial exhilaration.
We have put limits on the ways we love,
excluding those who need our loving kindness the most.
God, when we have lost our way, show us yours.
Guide us to the hope in you that will renew our strength.
Lead us to your peace that transcends all understanding.

Fill us with a joy we can only experience in your presence.
Remind us you have always loved us with an everlasting love,
so we may share that love with others.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering place on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
Arr, Cindy Berry

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"
136 NCH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DONNA EYSTER**

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community
We dedicate these gifts.
For the ways it will help us live out God's mission
We dedicate these gifts.
Let these gifts strengthen our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"With Joy Draw Water
NCH 109

BENEDICTION * Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Go forth with great expectation,

People: Waiting for God's mercy to fills.
Waiting for God's mercy to fill us.
Waiting for God's grace to surround us.
Waiting for God's child to lead us.

Leader: And in that waiting,

People: May God bless and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Pas de Deux"

From *The Nutcracker,* By Tchaikovsky

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist
Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner, Soloist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Worship Leader: Donna Eyster
Greeters: Patty Sherwood & Ellie Gusman
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108

Worship Next Week: Worship Leader, Kiki Fugate ; Greeters, Patty Sherwood (Roomie) **and Ellie Gusman** (Zoomie).

We are in the middle of Advent We are preparing for the fast-approaching arrival of Jesus, Christmastide, and the new liturgical year. The Advent Planning Team is working on some creative, exciting things to bring joy to this Christmas season.

- **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Candle Lighting Service, *Come and See,*** will be hybrid (in-person and on zoom) 7:00 pm. We need several readers for this service. If you would like to read one of the lessons, let Margaret Harner know (text/phone 734-417-6532).
- **There will be no service on Sunday, Christmas Day.**
- **January 1st, Zoom only, *The Gospel According to Sheep.*** We will all be participating as sheep. Thank you to Jeanette Sherrill for taking the lead in putting this special, creative service together. Stay tuned for details!

***What's Left of the Night*, 2022 Advent-Christmastide Devotional,** is available **NOW** in pdf format. Please sign-up for a copy at the table by the entry door or contact Margaret Harner by phone or txt at **734-417-6532.** It is lovely daily devotionals for Avent/Christmas written by writers of the Stillspeaking Writers' Group.

Christmas Offering: The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy, and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years. It provides emergency grants, small annuities and health premiums supplements, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to lower-income retirees. We will receive this special offering on December 24th.

2022 Vitality Grant Award, Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings, and "Engaging Christian Contemplative Practices"

Some very exciting news: Ypsi UCC has been awarded a $3,000 Vitality Grant from the UCC Michigan Conference to support our Community Discernment work based on Susan Beaumont's book. We are one of only three churches in Michigan to receive this very competitive grant this year.

To provide additional support for our ongoing Community Discernment Gathering work, Church Council is offering Pastor Liz and all interested Ypsi UCC participants $150 scholarships to cover the cost of attending a 6-session evening Zoom seminar beginning titled "Engaging Christian Contemplative Practices" offered by the UCC Southern New England Center for Leadership Development. Read the detailed information included below or click on this link to learn more:

https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/16606401?month=1&year=2023&day=1&display=

Please let Donna Eyster, Moderator, (deyster63@gmail.com) know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. Donna will complete the seminar registration and payment for you. There are a limited number of spots, so register right away.

Our on-going Community Discernment Gatherings will continue via Zoom on Monday nights at 7:00 pm after our current Advent/Christmas/Epiphany "pause" beginning on January 23, 2023. If you have questions after reviewing the additional information attached below, please contact Pastor Liz (lizlarrivee@gmail.com).

THE CENTER FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP
IS PLEASED TO OFFER
ENGAGING CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES
A 6-PART ZOOM SERIES FACILITATED BY REV. MATT CARRIKER
What does "contemplation" mean? When we "contemplate" an idea, contemplation implies something deeper than thinking only. In contemplation, we start from a place of mystery and an acceptance of not knowing.
As we release fear's grip and open our minds and hearts, new revelations are revealed to us. We shall talk more about these foundations over the course of our "Introduction to Christian Contemplative Practices" gatherings.
SESSION DATES (2023):
JANUARY 18; FEBRUARY 1; FEBRUARY 15;
MARCH 1; MARCH 15; AND MARCH 29
FROM 7:00-8:30 PM
Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus
The Center for Transformational Leadership
Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ

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Zoom Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Eastern Standard Time
This event recurs Every 2 weeks on Wednesday from Wednesday, January 18, 2023 to Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

What does "contemplation" mean? When we "contemplate" an idea, contemplation implies something deeper than thinking only. In contemplation, we start from a place of mystery and an acceptance of not knowing. This is often called the "mystical" dimension of faith, which shares a root with the word "mystery". Spiritual truths often begin as a mystery because there is much we must spiritually unlearn, including many beliefs that no longer serve us. As we release fear's grip and open our minds and hearts, new revelations are revealed to us. We shall talk more about these foundations over the course of our "Engaging Christian Contemplative Practices" gatherings.

At our most recent 2021 General Synod, a national resolution was passed for the UCC to "Become a Church of Contemplatives in Action." Jesus rooted his ministry of teaching, healing, and solidarity with others in a life of prayer, solitude, and intimate relationship with God. The Gospels attest that Jesus' ministry begins with a time of solitude in the desert. He can be found stealing away from the busyness of the crowds to pray. Jesus' prayerful union with the Creator enabled his public witness of creating inclusive community, exemplifying self-giving love, forming disciples, peacebuilding, and engaging in nonviolent resistance. His life of integrated contemplation and action is a touchstone for our Christian life today. Click on this link to learn more:

https://www.ucc.org/ucc-becomes-a-church-of-contemplatives-in-action/

Florida Fruit Drive Continues: You can make a difference! Your purchases support Florida's economic recovery from Hurricane Ian AND our church's local Washtenaw County ministries and social justice work. We are again partnering with Indian River Groves in Florida to provide citrus products. This is an annual fund raiser for Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. **If you would like a reminder list of those people you sold to last year, please let Ivan know; txt him at 734-417-6531, or email ivanharner@gmail.com.**

We have found the fruit to be excellent and the company very responsive, and cooperative to work with. Share this information with friends and family. Please help us meet our fund-raising goals! This makes a perfect gift for the holiday season.

Orders must be placed by TODAY, December 11 to be received before Christmas!

Use the link below to make your order **www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1017616**
or go to our web site www.ypsiucc.org

Parables Christmas Party: TODAY, December 11 at 12:00 noon

As Ypsi UCCers "sent out" to minister, Jacob, Anne-Marie and LeAnn invite you to join Parables for pizza, cookie decorating, ornament making, songs, and decorating the Christmas tree as Parables celebrates its first Christmas in its new location: First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St, Chelsea, MI 48118. Masks are encouraged. Please spread the word to other families who might be interested in knowing about Parables.

The Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity to provide Christmas cheer to children in our church family as well as WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) families at Christmas time. Here is how you can participate.

Roomies, choose an ornament and purchase a gift certificate for $30 from Meijer listed on the ornament.

Please return your gift certificate to Margaret Harner or Patty Sherwood TODAY!

Zoomies, make a Tithely donation of $30 and we will purchase the gift certificate. Mark the donation as Giving Tree.

WeROC January Meeting of the Whole: In-Person January 5 at 5:00 at Ypsi UCC

This will be WeROC's first in-person monthly Meeting of the Whole since Covid. It will be held at Ypsi UCC. Tad, Melanie, and Pastor Liz will be experimenting with our hybrid worship technology to support WeROC in its ability to offer a hybrid MOTW meeting option. All are invited to attend and demonstrate Ypsi UCC extravagant hospitality to our WeROC partners in our newly solidified organizational partnership. The WeROC Leadership Team will also be utilizing our worship space for a half-day planning retreat. We are delighted to be exploring new ways for Ypsi UCC and WeROC to strengthen our partnership in 2023.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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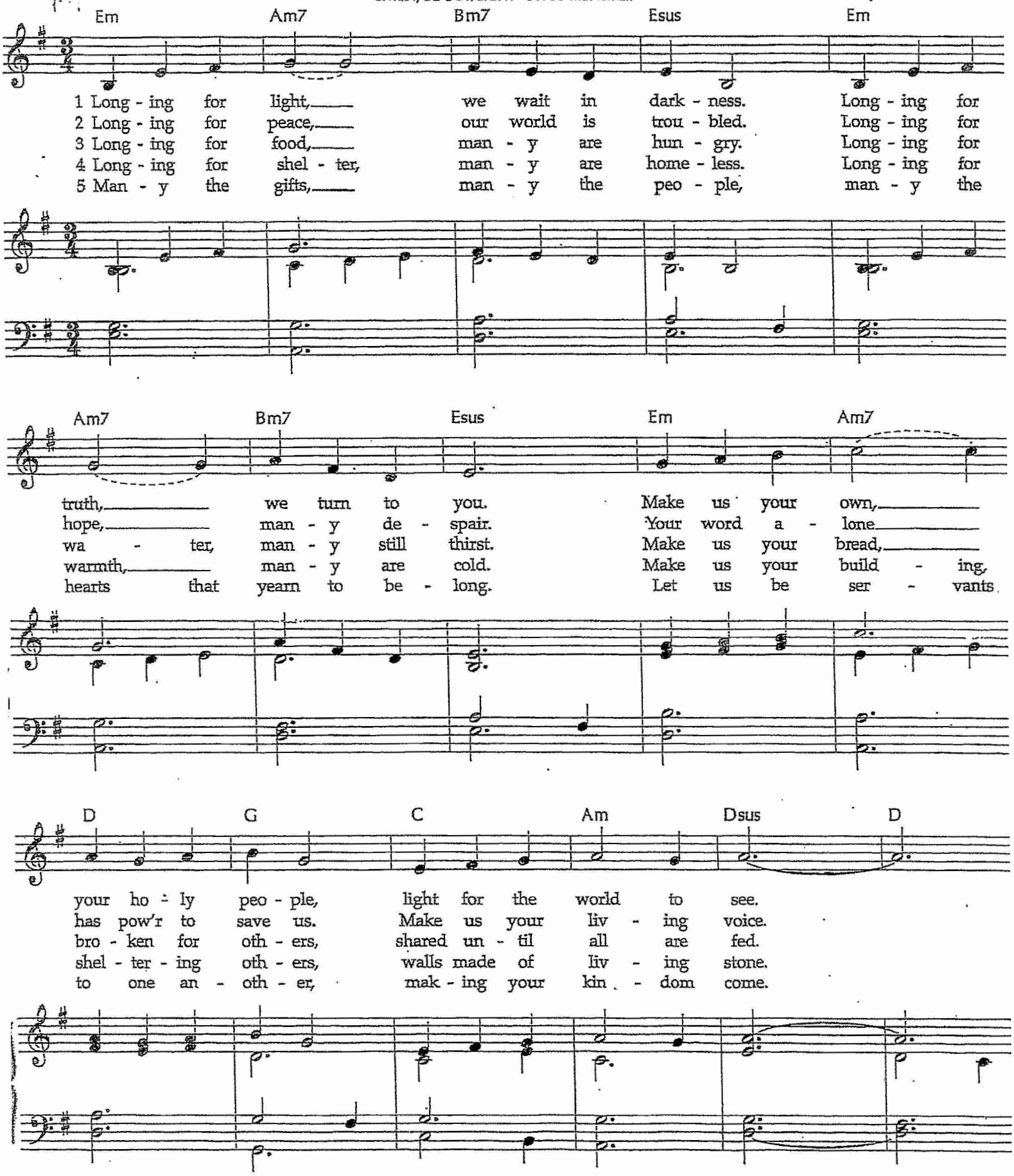
Longing for light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 98. 96 with refrain

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the
Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone.
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants
D G C Am Dsus D
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your kin - dom come.

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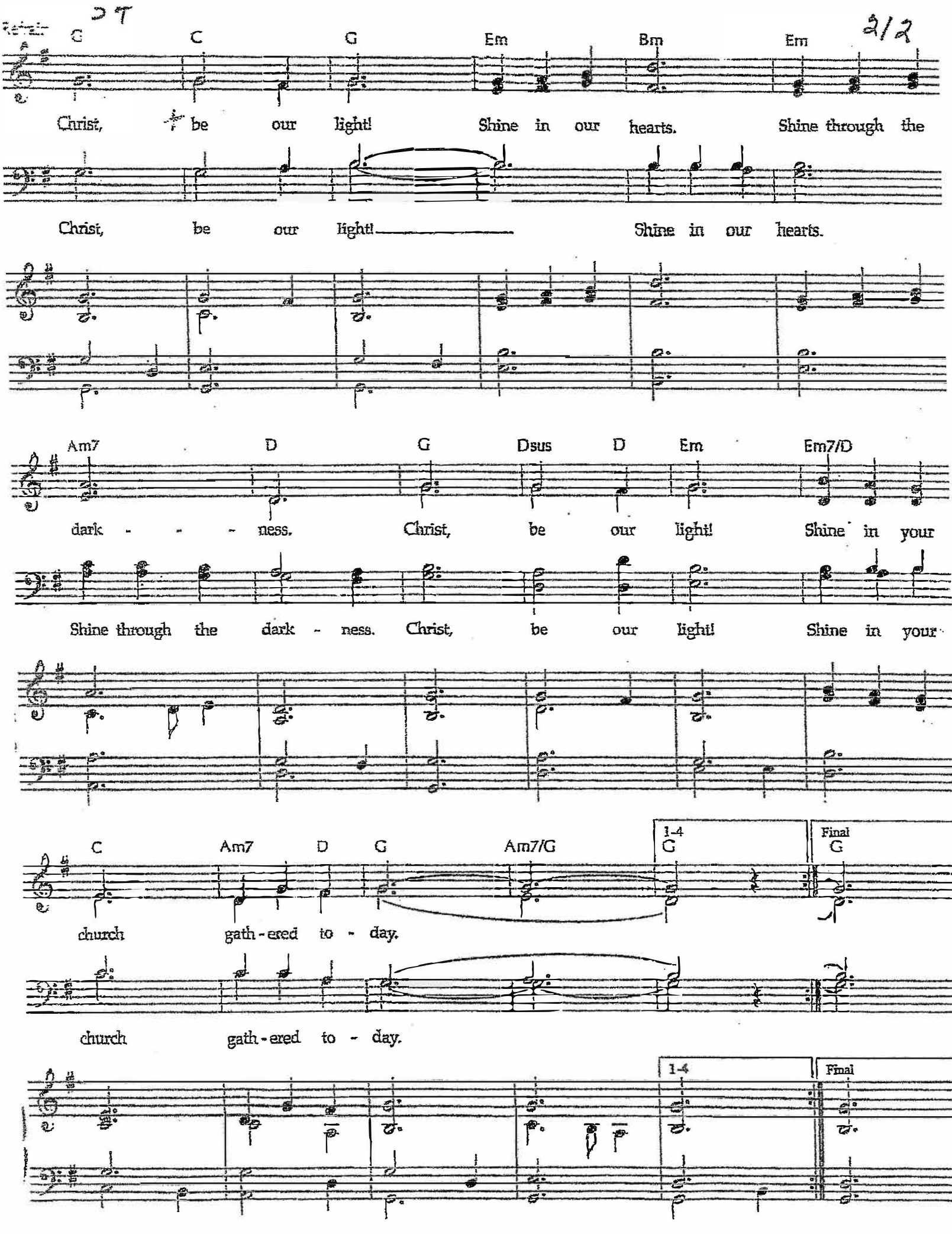
Refrain
G C G Em Bm Em
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7/D
dark - - - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
C Am7 D G Am7/G 1-4 G Final G
church gath - ered to - day.
church gath - ered to - day.
1-4 Final

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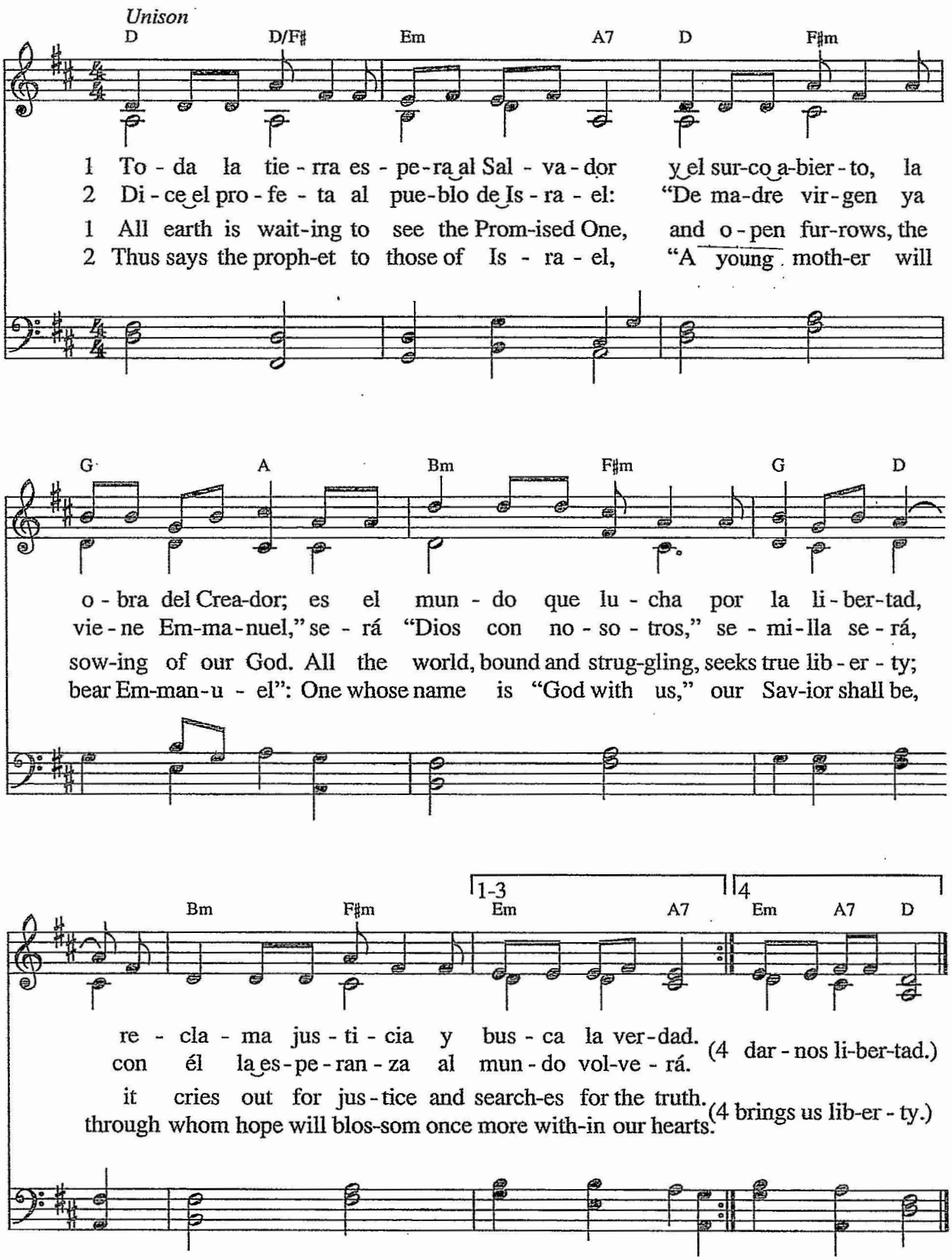
Toda la Tierra
(All Earth Is Waiting)

Isa. 40:3–5; Luke 3:4–6; Matt. 1:23

Alberto Taulé, 1972; alt.
Transl. Gertrude C. Suppe, 1987; alt.


Unison
D D/F♯ Em A7 D F♯m
1 To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor y el sur-co a-bier - to, la
2 Di - ce el pro - fe - ta al pue-blo de Is - ra - el: "De ma-dre vir-gen ya
1 All earth is wait-ing to see the Prom-ised One, and o - pen fur-rows, the
2 Thus says the proph-et to those of Is - ra - el, "A young moth-er will
G A Bm F♯m G D
o - bra del Crea-dor; es el mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber-tad,
vie - ne Em-ma - nuel," se - rá "Dios con no - so - tros," se - mi - lla se - rá,
sow-ing of our God. All the world, bound and strug-gling, seeks true lib - er - ty;
bear Em-man-u - el": One whose name is "God with us," our Sav-ior shall be,
1-3
4
Bm F♯m Em A7 Em A7 D
re - cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver-dad.
con él la es-pe-ran - za al mun - do vol-ve - rá. (4 dar - nos li-ber-tad.)
it cries out for jus - tice and search-es for the truth.
through whom hope will blos-som once more with-in our hearts. (4 brings us lib-er - ty.)

Alberto Taulé, composer and author of this new Advent hymn, has served as a parish priest and music editor for the Roman Catholic Church in Spain. This hymn was his first to be published in the United States.

Tune: TAULE 11.11.12.12.
Alberto Taulé, 1972
Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1988

3 Mon-tes y va-lles
ha-brá que pre-pa-rar;
nue-vos ca-mi-nos
te-ne-mos que tra-zar.
Dios es-tá ya muy cer-ca,
ve-nid-lo a en-con-trar,
y to-das las puer-tas
a-brid de par en par.

4 En un pe-se-bre
Je-sús a-pa-re-ció,
pe-ro en el mun-do
es-tá pre-sen-te hoy.
Vi-ve en-tre la gen-te,
con e-llas es-tá;
y vuel-ve de nue-vo
a dar-nos li-ber-tad.

3 Moun-tains and val-leys will
have to be made plain;
o-pen new high-ways,
new high-ways for our God,
Who is now com-ing closer,
so come all and see,
and o-pen the door-ways
as wide as wide can be.

4 In low-ly sta-ble
the Prom-ised One ap-peared,
yet feel that pres-ence
through-out the earth to-day,
For Christ lives in all Chris-tians
and is with us now;
a-gain, on ar-riv-ing
Christ brings us lib-er-ty.

121 Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting)

Alberto Viñas Taulé (b. 1932) wrote this text for the season of Advent. It utilizes images of promise from the Hebrew Scriptures and those of fulfillment through Christ's birth from the New Testament. This, Taulé's first hymn to be published in the United States, originally appeared in *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989).

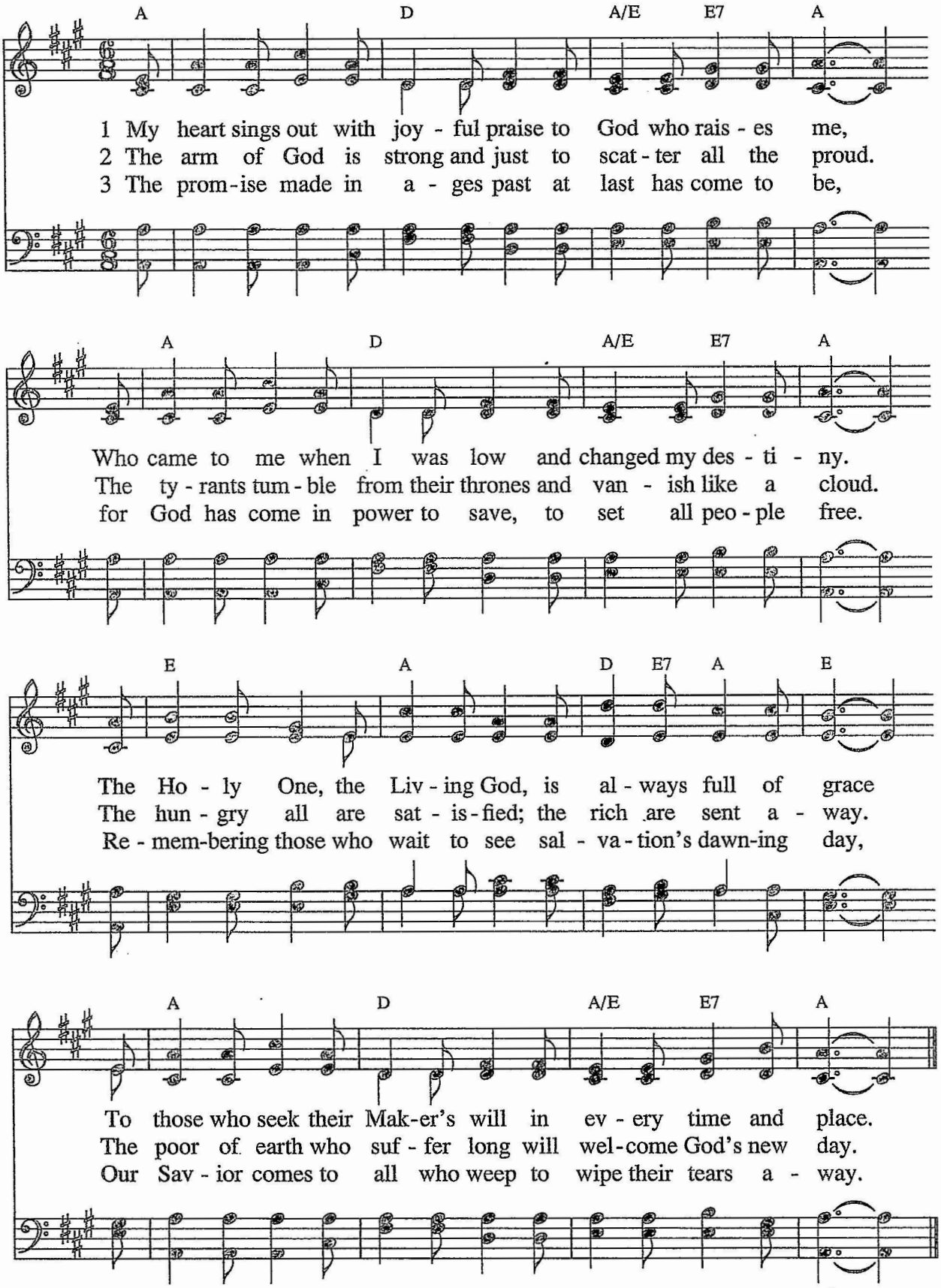
Alberto Taulé, a Roman Catholic priest, has served a small parish in Barcelona, Spain, and worked for the national offices on liturgical issues related to music. He received his education at Pontificio Istituto di Musica Sacra S. Pio X. Roma, also in Spain.

Alberto Viñas Taulé (b. 1932) composed this tune for his own text, and it was named TAULE in U.S. hymnals to honor him. Much of Taule's music has been recorded and continues to grow in popularity far beyond his native Spain.

Alberto Taulé was born December 2, 1932, at Sabadell, Spain. Many of his thirty-five hymns have been included in *Cantoral Litúrgico Naçional,* the official Roman Catholic hymnal used in Spain. He serves as the director of music publications in Centre de Pastoral Liturgica in Barcelona, Spain.

My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise 106

Ruth Duck, 1985 *Luke 1:46–55*


A D A/E E7 A
1 My heart sings out with joy - ful praise to God who rais - es me,
2 The arm of God is strong and just to scat - ter all the proud.
3 The prom - ise made in a - ges past at last has come to be,
A D A/E E7 A
Who came to me when I was low and changed my des - ti - ny.
The ty - rants tum - ble from their thrones and van - ish like a cloud.
for God has come in power to save, to set all peo - ple free.
E A D E7 A E
The Ho - ly One, the Liv - ing God, is al - ways full of grace
The hun - gry all are sat - is - fied; the rich are sent a - way.
Re - mem-bering those who wait to see sal - va - tion's dawn-ing day,
A D A/E E7 A
To those who seek their Mak-er's will in ev - ery time and place.
The poor of earth who suf - fer long will wel - come God's new day.
Our Sav - ior comes to all who weep to wipe their tears a - way.

The "Magnificat," a traditional text for evening prayer as well as Advent, is paraphrased here by Ruth Duck. She developed it to make the ancient rite of evening prayer available to her own worshipping communities.

Tune: MARIAS LOVSÅNG C.M.D.
Swedish folk melody
Alternate tunes: ELLACOMBE, TALLIS' THIRD

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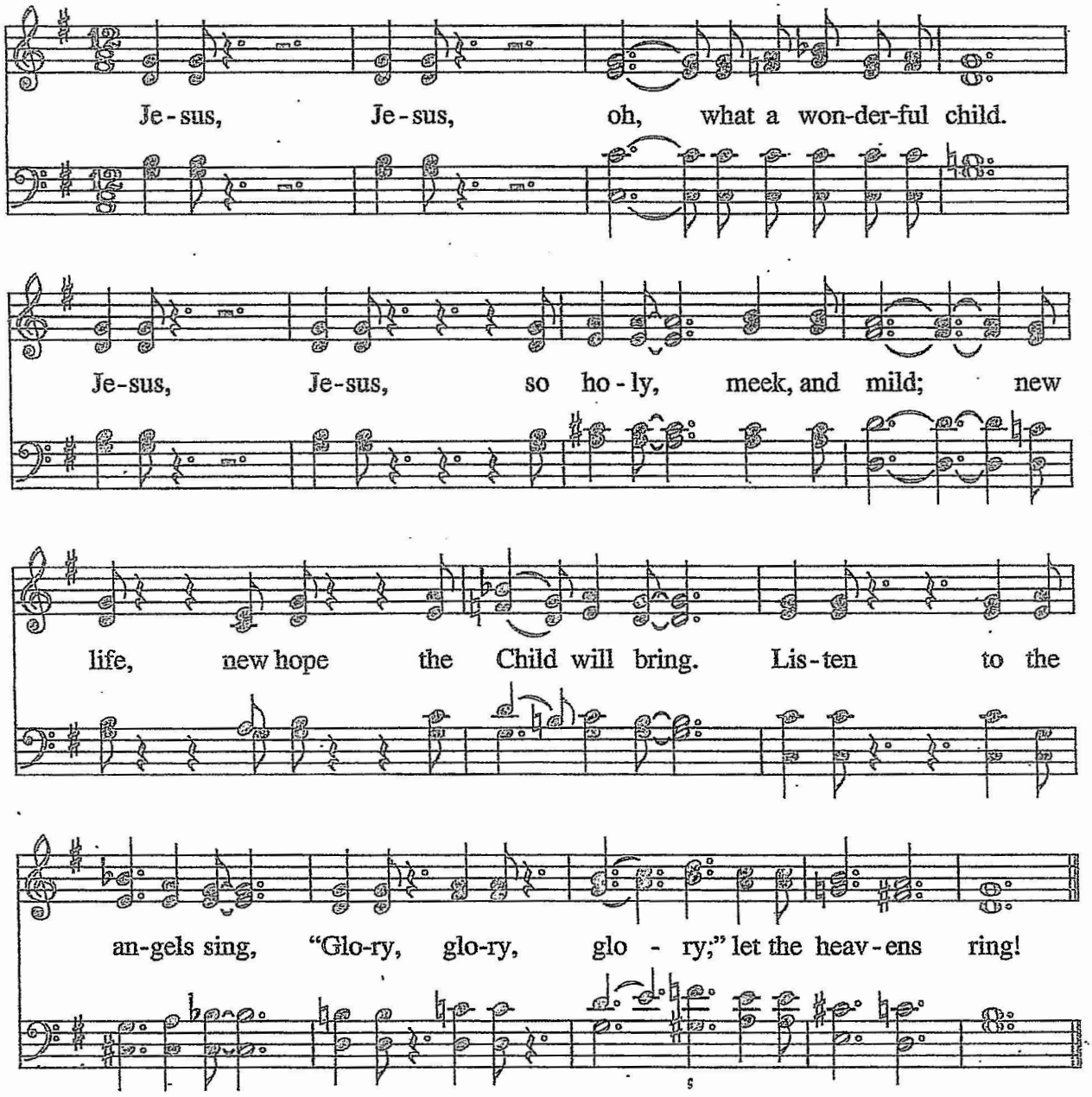
Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child 136

African-American traditional; alt. *Luke 1:30–35; 2:8–14*

Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won-der-ful child.
Je-sus, Je-sus, so ho - ly, meek, and mild; new
life, new hope the Child will bring. Lis-ten to the
an-gels sing, "Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo - ry;" let the heav-ens ring!

This gospel song praising the newborn Child might be effectively used by repeating it several times. It could be sung softly as a background for dance, story, or drama. Finger-snaps on the off-beats might be used to fill the rests.

Tune: WONDERFUL CHILD 11.10.8.7.11.
African-American traditional
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1992

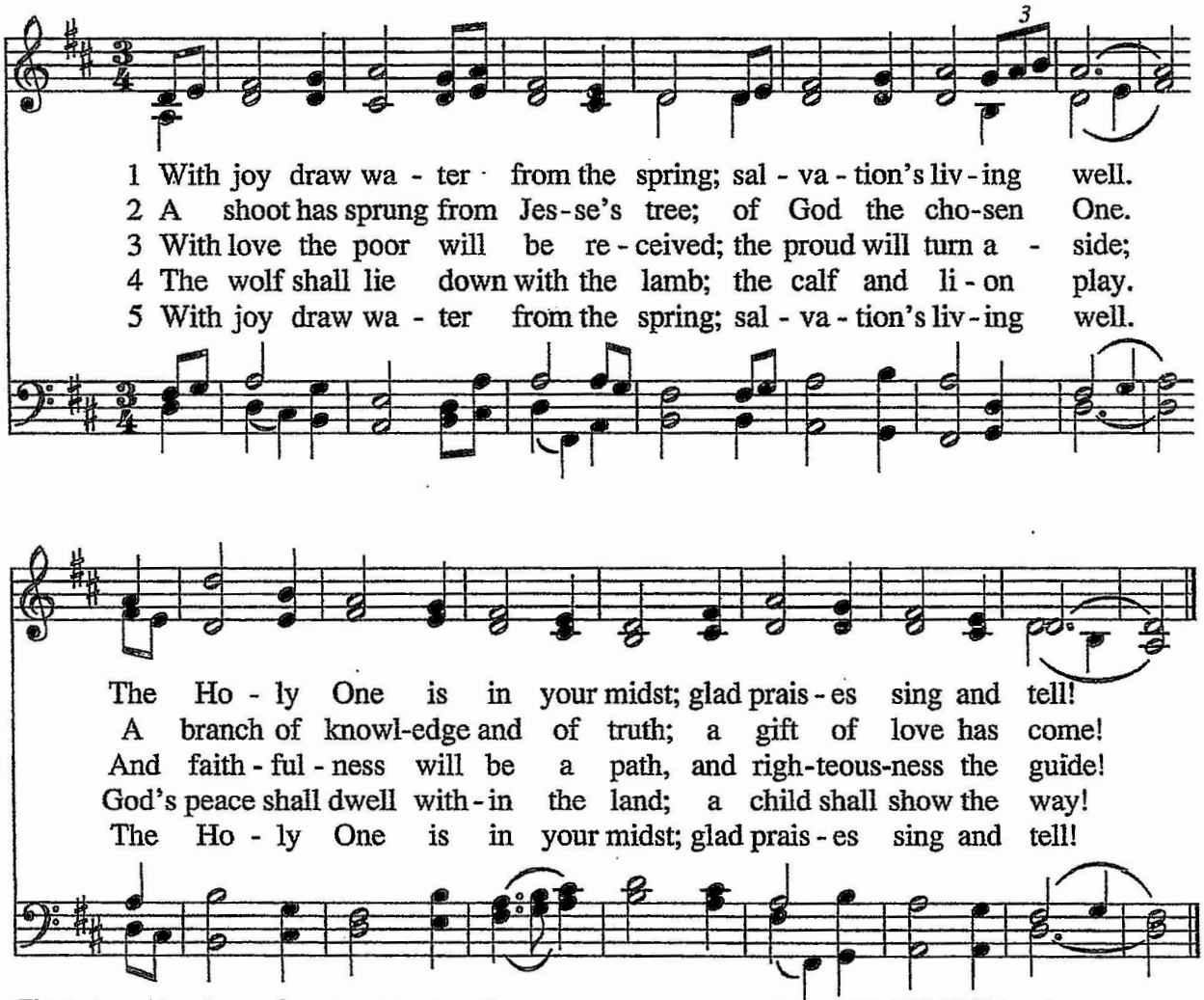
Jeffrey Paul Radford, was music director for 36 years at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Under his direction, the Trinity choirs sang throughout Chicago, in a dozen U.S. cities and performed in Switzerland, Germany, Puerto Rico and Cuba. In 1995 he was part of the team that created the UCC New Century Hymnal, with inclusive language and widened the inclusion of new hymns and hymns from around the world. He was instrumental in creating the UCC African American Hymnal.

Mr. Radford's father, a jazz musician, encouraged his son's musical interest. By age 10, Mr. Radford was studying piano. He was an adjunct faculty member at Chicago Theological Seminary and, after his death in 2002, he received a posthumous doctor of divinity degree from CTS for his contributions to musical ministry.

With Joy Draw Water

Anne McKinstry, 1986, 1993

Isa. 11:1–10; 12:2–6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1 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.
2 A shoot has sprung from Jes - se's tree; of God the cho - sen One.
3 With love the poor will be re - ceived; the proud will turn a - side;
4 The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the calf and li - on play.
5 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.
The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!
A branch of knowl-edge and of truth; a gift of love has come!
And faith - ful - ness will be a path, and righ-teous-ness the guide!
God's peace shall dwell with - in the land; a child shall show the way!
The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!

This text combines images from two Advent readings from the book of Isaiah, including the passage anticipating the reign of peace. The author, Anne McKinstry, has served as a writer-in-residence at Otis United Church of Christ in Massachusetts.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA altered to 8.6.8.6.
Irish traditional melody
Harm. Charles V. Stanford, 1906